



The Milepost

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NEXT MEETING: Friday, May 12th, 2017 at 7:00 PM at the Trinity United Methodist Church, 701 North 20th Street, Colorado Springs, Colorado (to the west of the Uintah Gardens and King Soopers shopping center on Uintah & 19th).

APRIL 2017 MEETING MINUTES

April 14th, 2017 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Pikes Peak Division of the National Model Railroaders Association.

The meeting was brought to order by Superintendent Joe Costa at 7:05 PM. Michael Murdock filled in as Secretary with Rob Allen's absence. There were 23 people in attendance. There was one visitor: Don Douglas (models HO-scale).

The minutes for the last meeting were approved. Frank Pareso gave the treasurer's report.

Frank mentioned that Mike, owner of Custom Railway Supply, is going to retire — planning to close his store in June of this year. This will be the last model trains-only store in Colorado Springs. Discussion about how this may affect our monthly raffle and funds for gifts at the annual Christmas party. Discussion on other raffle ideas — including people bringing in good model railroad items that they no longer want.

Discussion on Jerry Bonds passing away.

Discussion about upcoming swap meet show. Dusty said tables were selling well. Mike Peck talked about TECO and had sign up sheets for tree clinics, track clinics, and working up front at the show. Wade to bring switch puzzle. Clinics to run 20 to 30 minutes, every hour on the hour. The June TECO will be the last show at the North Nevada location. It is planned for Father's Day weekend, June 17th and 18th.

Next month's meeting will be at Trinity United Methodist Church. There will be a Pikemasters open house from 9 AM to 3 PM, on Saturday, April 22nd, 2017.

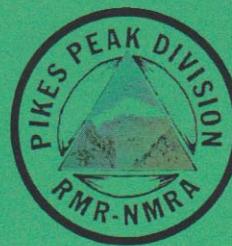
Discussion on whether there should be a June 2017 meeting since about half of the regular folks that attending these meetings will be at the RMR annual convention. Final decision will be postponed until the next meeting. John Emmot said he would fill in to run the meeting unless he decides to go to the convention also.

At 7:33 PM, break, contest voting, and raffle drawing.

Joe Costa did a presentation on "cheap wireless".

The meeting ended at 8:43 PM.

TRAIN SHOW & SWAP MEET



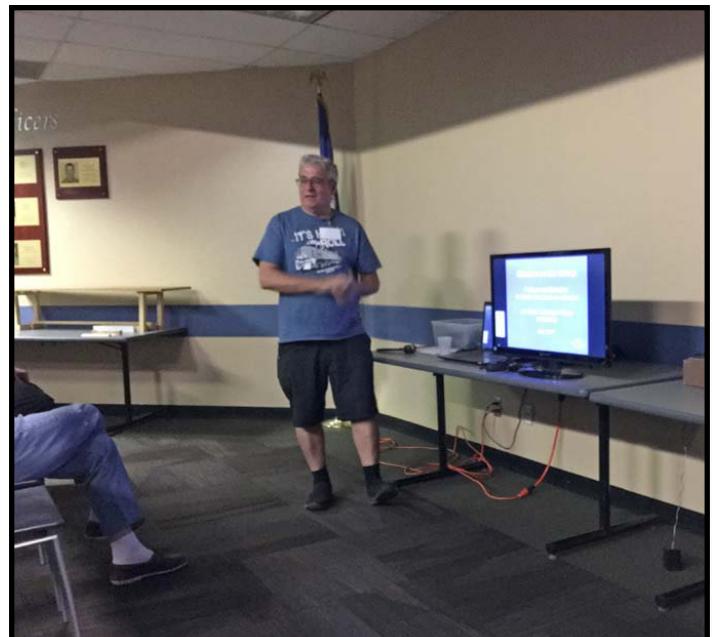
Saturday,
May 13, 2017
9:00-3:00

Trinity United Methodist Church
701 N. 20th St
Colorado Springs, CO

Admission: Adults \$5
Children 12 & Under FREE
Senior/Military \$1 Discount

<http://www.ppdnmra.com/>

Lunch available onsite



Joe Costa doing his presentation on "cheap wireless".

INFORMATION

The Milepost is published monthly and is the official journal of the Pikes Peak Division, of the Rocky Mountain Region, of the National Model Railroad Association. Our meetings are usually held on the second Friday of each month at the Sand Creek Police Station, 4125 Center Park Drive (southeast of the intersection of Fountain and Academy), Colorado Springs, Colorado, at 7:00 PM. Please come to one of our meetings. We'd love to meet you. All scales are welcome. Besides our monthly meeting, we have swap meets, train shows, and other model railroad activities.

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UPCOMING PROGRAM

There will not be a program for the May 2017 meeting because some members will be helping to setup modules — the meeting will be at the church that night — prepping for the swap meet show the next day.

The June 2017 program will be by J.B. Thistlethwaite and will be on soldering.

If you have a program or project you would like to present at one of our monthly meetings, please contact Charalee Topinka at one of the monthly meetings or at



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Convention

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Durango, Colorado

June 8-11, 2017

Convention Chair – Gary Myers

Convention's website: <http://www.rmr-nmra.org/>
(available on the Region home page!)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We have **extended** early registration
until **April 15th!**

After that, we have our late fee,
so **register now!**

Check out the **website** for all the latest
information and use the **newest** registration form.

Don't forget to click on the extra fun activities on
our convention homepage for links to value deals
and coupons.

Convention's website: <http://www.rmr-nmra.org/>
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DON'T PAY EXTRA, REGISTER NOW!

See you in Durango, Thanks!

Gary

SUPERINTENDENT'S NOTES

By Joe Costa, Superintendent of PPD-NMRA

Congratulations to the TECO Team for a very successful TECO 29 Show. 690 guests has to be some kind of record. Sounds like all the effort put into advertising really paid off. Because of a scheduling change of the original dates Kristin and I were off in Orlando and the Caribbean. The day before we caught our plane we were down in Canon City doing Operation Lifesaver at Headstart.

Saturday, May 13 is our Division Swap Meet at Trinity Church on the Westside. Then in June we have the Regional Convention in Durango followed by TECO 30 on June 17 and 18 at Mortgage Solutions.

Up in Cheyenne, the Sherman Hill Train Show is on for those who just can't get enough.

Friday, May 19, 6pm - 9pm

Saturday, May 20, 9am - 5pm

Sunday, May 21, 9am - 4pm

With the closing of the local model railroad stores in Colorado Springs, these shows will be increasingly important. Our friends at the local Hobby Towns are great for the basics and have always been supportive in displaying posters and flyers for both TECO and our Division Swap meets.

As mentioned at the last meeting, a number of us will be in Durango the weekend of our normally scheduled June meeting. We'll have to decide if there is enough interest in having a meeting for those left behind.



The April 2017 contest was for *Whimsical Model Or Scene*. Below are the winners from that contest...



Joe Costa won first place with his "Taste Of Chicago".



Dennis Snyder won second-place with these dinosaurs on a flatcar.

CONTEST CORNER

At each monthly PPD-NMRA meeting, a contest is held. A contest must have at least three entries for voting. Below is the 2017 contest schedule.

May *Scratch-Built Structure*.

June *324 Contest* — 18" × 18" Mini-Scene, anything that fits within 324 sq in.

July *Flat Car That Isn't Flat* — any load or modification.

August *On-Line Structure* — railroad track access.

September *Passenger Car*.

October *Judged & Open Contest*.

November *Kitbash Anything With Multiple Kits*.

December Christmas Party (no contest).



John Emmot won third-place with this electric-steam locomotive.

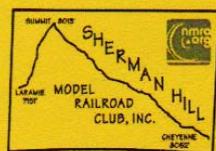
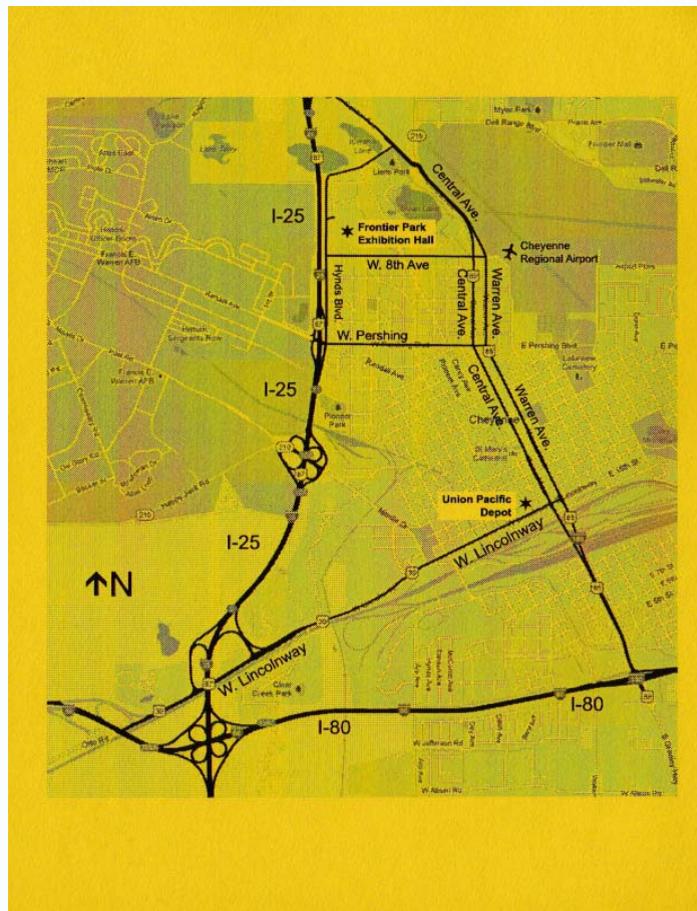
MODULAR MUSINGS

By John Emmot, Chairman of Module Group

Well, it's time for the first quick turn for the modules. We had a great show for TECO 29 at the end of April. I suppose the most exciting thing was the turnout for the show, almost 700 in the two days. In addition to the usual postcard handouts and flyers, there were 29, 15 second TV spots on the local PBS station and Fox21 highlighted the train show on their morning show the Thursday before. There were also a couple of small pictures in the Gazette leading up to it. Besides all this, the weather was not conducive to yard work, but not so bad as to keep anyone from leaving home. It may have been a 'perfect storm' for us. Setup was on Friday and went smoothly. Thanks to Jim Vade Bon Couer and Mike Murdock for helping the module owners put it together. Charles was premiering his new 24 foot set of six modules. Still a little scenery to go, but they are coming together nicely. Trains for the two days came from Marchbanks, Maline, Gonce, Murdock, Pawlicki, Vade Bon Couer, Hansz, Gelsing with his guest, Mary, and Emmot. I hope I didn't miss anyone. As usual, we chased a few operational gremlins, but all was up by show time. The Division also had the very popular switching puzzle in operation. TECO provided hourly clinics on track laying and tree making along with the historical presentations for the Short Line to Cripple Creek. There were many new faces at the show and several seemed to have a real interest in model railroading. Please make them feel welcome if they do come to a meeting. The next TECO show and the last at this location is scheduled for June 17&18, Father's Day weekend.

Now for the quick turn. The Division Swap meet is this Saturday, May 13. I am planning for the 32 foot footprint. Marchbanks 24', Maline 12', Costa/Philips 12'. The regular Friday meeting will take place at the church for the show setup. There won't be a program, but there will be a contest. Bring your structures. Many hands should make short work of the module setup. Remember the owners know their modules, but appreciate assistance. Please make yourself available, but let the owners give guidance on how to handle their parts to avoid mistakes. This meeting, while non-standard, could provide a great forum for interaction among members.

See ya'll 'round the roundhouse.



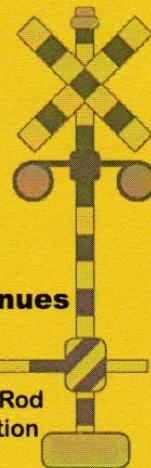
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2017 Sherman Hill Model Railroad Show with Cheyenne Depot Days

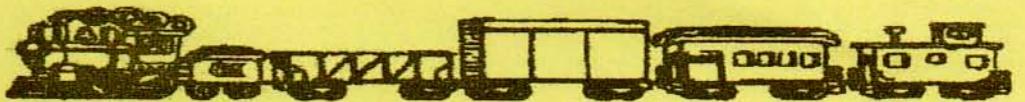
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On the 3rd. Saturday of the month from 9:00-12:00)

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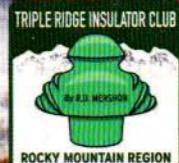
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Suggested Donation of \$10.00 per family



May 20th, 2017
9:00am - 4:00pm

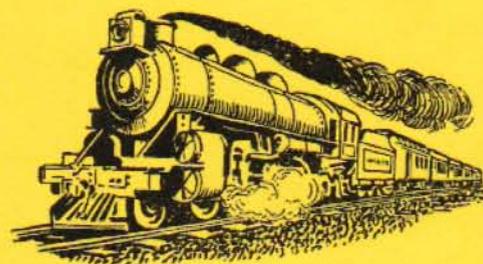


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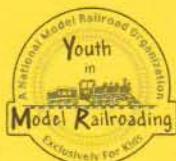


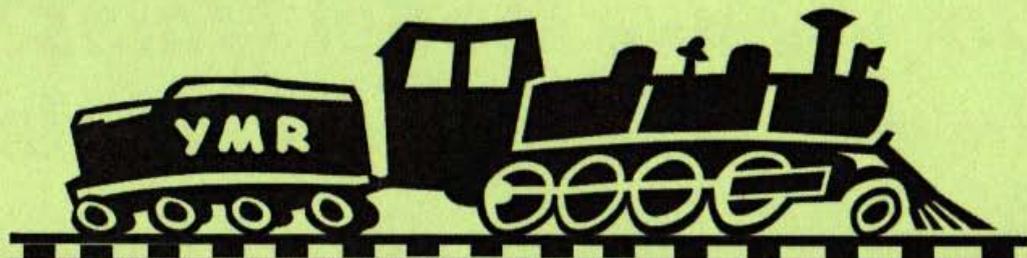
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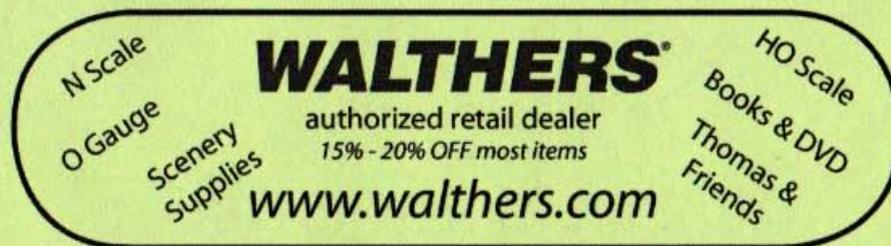


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Durango, CO



**Annual Rocky Mountain Region Convention
June 8-11, 2017**

**D&SNGRR Train Ride
Tours: Layouts, and Durango Shop & Yard
Model Contest, Clinics, Board Meeting
Photo OP & Contest Awards**

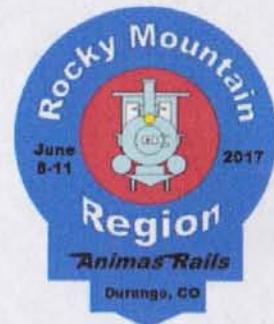
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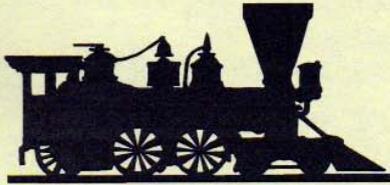


**ROCKY
MOUNTAIN
REGION**

NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION



Denver Southeast Model Train Show



July 15, 2017 ~ 10 am – 3 pm

Radisson Hotel Denver Southeast

3155 South Vaughn Way, Aurora, CO 80014 - Grand Ballroom

Admission: \$5.00 each

Active Military, Police Officers, Firefighters and Children Under 12 (accompanied by an adult) are admitted Free!

Open to the Public!

Train Show highlights include:

- * **Operating Train Layouts** – Featuring Denver's Slick-X Line ("O"), TCA's Rocky Mountain Division ("O"), Youth in Model Railroading ("HO") and others.
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Set-up Times: Friday, July 14...11:00 am – 7:00 pm and Saturday, July 16...7:00 am – 9:00 am

Show Times: Saturday, July 15 .. 9:00 am – 3:00 pm (Convention Registered LOTS Members shop exclusively from 9:00 am – 10:00 am)

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